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MEMORANDUM FOR : Dir. of Materiel

ATTENTION :

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SUBJECT : Survey of FEAF Airfields for Possible  
Occupancy by Detachment C

1. In view of the unsettled political situation in the European area which directly influences our operational success, it is deemed advisable to contact the Air Force to ascertain what airfields in the Far East can be made available for AQUATONE's Detachment C.

2. At this point I do not believe it advisable for you to personally make a trip to the Far East. Instead I propose that you do the following: Contact the local Air Force people in the Pentagon and find what bases appear to be best suited to our U-2 type of operation. Such factors as best operating weather, runways, approaches, billeting, support, etc., should be considered. Also Col. Bayse and his people should be contacted with reference to concurrent Air Force overflight programs which will operate out of FEAF in order to see if we can operate on the same bases or, if not, what difficulties we may encounter in FEAF with joint operations. I would suggest you discuss these conditions with our Operations staff or possibly take along one of our Operations people to any meetings you may arrange with Air Force Headquarters.

3. After you decide on one or two tentative sites and have determined all the support the Air Force can give and what construction will be necessary to fit our needs, Mr. Bissell will ascertain the availability of [Redacted], now in Saipan, to act as our representative in surveying the fields we pick out in FEAF with regard to the necessary construction to fulfill our operational requirements. [Redacted] if available, will possibly return to this office for 2 weeks discussion on our project and then return to the Far East to confer with Air Force authorities there, jelling our construction requirements.

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4. It is most desirable that you expeditiously get onto this project and keep Mr. Bissell or me informed. This project, however, should not interfere with all haste being made in getting both Adana and Giebelstadt fully ready for Detachments A and B.

  
Deputy Project Director

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